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SUBJECT: ALEKSANDUR LILOV

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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOURTH DEPARTMENT
HEAD PURVAN CHERNEV CONFIRMED NOV. 23 TO ME TRUTH OF RUMORS
THAT POLITBURO MEMBER AND SECRETARY ALEKSANDUR
LILOV IS ONCE AGAIN SUFFERING FROM ILL HEALTH.

2. LILOV HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN PRESS SINCE
NOVEMBER 4. YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT TOLD EMBOFF THAT LILOV
WAS SUFFERING FROM BLEEDING ULCER AND THAT RUMORS
WERE ALSO CIRCULATING THAT HE HAD "NERVOUS PROBLEMS."

3. RECURRENCE OF LILOV'S ILL HEALTH, IN WAKE OF HIS
RUMORED HEART ATTACK LAST YEAR, LEAVES BORIS VELCHEV
AS THE POLITBURO MEMBER RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS
WITH OTHER PARTIES. IN THIS CONNECTION, VELCHEV TOO
HAS NOT APPEARED IN PUBLIC FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS.

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POSSIBLY HE IS HEAVILY ENGAGED IN PREPARING FOR THE

BUCHAREST PCC.
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